

The Iowa Council on Homelessness

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, January 3, 2013

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting Location: The Iowa Finance Authority

Room: Lower Level Presentation Room

Address: 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

(Any requests for corrections to the minutes should be submitted to josh.mcroberts@iowa.gov)

I CALL TO ORDER

The January 3, 2013 special meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Axeen. There are currently 36 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness. The following voting members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Binner, Boss, Brown, Brustkern, Davidson, Dunnwald, Falck, Fidelis, Fisher, Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Gronstal, Hagen, Harris, Hearn, Heckman, Johnson, Jordal, Kellogg, Munsterman-Robinson, Peterson, Phillips, Schulze, Shaffer (alt. for Erickson), Steben, Timm, and Wilson.

II ICN ETIQUETTE REVIEW

No action taken.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Timm and was seconded by Ms. Phillips to approve the agenda for the January 3, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IV APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION WITH PROJECT RANKINGS (*Action Item*)

Discussion:

Mr. Beilke-McCallum discussed with the Council that the Continuum of Care Committee had met on January 2, 2013 to rank and score the new and renewal applications that had been submitted to the committee. The Executive Summary of the Continuum of Care consolidated application was elaborated upon by Mr. Beilke-McCallum and Ms. Lewis of the Iowa Finance Authority which acts as the collaborative applicant on behalf of the Council. It was noted that there were two tiers to place projects in as designated by HUD. All of the renewal Continuum of Care projects were placed in Tier 1 with almost certainty that they will be funded at the current renewal demand. There were two exceptions to this with Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless' project not being considered for funding during this current round and Community Corrections Improvement Association being placed at the top of Tier 2. The Iowa Finance Authority's planning project was also placed in Tier 1. Tier 2 was reserved for the projects that submitted new project applications and the promise for funding for projects in Tier 2 is questionable when taking into account HUD will judge Tier 2 projects from a national

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perspective and will make funding to as many as HUD's budget will allow. Mr. Binner questioned Ms. Lewis on IFA's planning application for the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care and what would come of that. Ms. Lewis stated that if awarded the funds, IFA would offer \$50,000 through an RFP process in support of monitoring and technical assistance for projects to adjust to the new interim regulations and HEARTH performance measures. The remainder would be used to fund CoC coordination and support, some of which IFA already does. Ms. Fisher asked Mr. Beilke-McCallum if any of the money that was left from removing the two late renewal applicants from Tier 1 and placing IFA in their place could be returned to projects that had funds reallocated from them. Mr. Beilke-McCallum and Ms. Eberbach both agreed that the HUD regulations would make this difficult; Mr. Beilke-McCallum indicated that this had not been discussed at the committee meeting. Ms. Lewis instructed that further information may be found in the Executive Summary found at www.iowafinanceauthority/ich ; all project applications are also posted online at this location

Mr. Heckman furthered the discussion by talking about why the projects were ranked as they were and how what was done was done to get the maximum benefit for the Balance of State Continuum of Care. He also discussed there were some applications that were really good and there were others that were lacking in quality. He also noted ways project applicants could have garnered points was by participating in Iowa Council on Homelessness meetings. He finished by saying that allowing for the Iowa Finance Authority Project Planning application in Tier 1 will allow for monitoring and technical assistance being provided to existing projects to ensure the Balance of State's current projects are meeting all the benchmarks and requirements of the federal Continuum of Care program.

Motion:

On motion by the Continuum of Care Committee, the Iowa Council on Homelessness unanimously approved the Executive Summary of the Continuum of Care consolidated application with project rankings.

V PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. Old Business:** None.
- ii. New Business:** Ms. Johnson volunteered to give a state agency report at the next Council meeting. Ms. Johnson is with the Iowa Department of Education. Ms. Phillips also volunteered to give a state agency report at an upcoming meeting surrounding the restructuring of Domestic Violence services in Iowa. Mr. Beilke-McCallum, Mr. Axeen and Mr. Fidelis all thanked the Continuum of Care Committee for the work on the Continuum of Care applications as well as thanking all the applicants for taking the time to submit applications.
- iii. Next Meeting:** Friday, January 18, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines.

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VI ADJOURN

On motion by Ms. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Shaffer, Chair Axeen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Voting Members Present

1. Al Axeen (Chair)
2. Zebulon Beilke-McCallum (Secretary), Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. David Binner, Wells Fargo
4. David Boss, Consumer Representative, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation
5. Anne Brown, Iowa Department of Corrections
6. Ben Brustkern, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
7. Ann Davidson, YWCA Fort Dodge
8. Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
9. Becky Falck, SIEDA Community Action
10. Libris Fidelis, Consumer Representative – Iowa City
11. Mariliagh Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives
12. Becky Flores (alt. for Theresa Armstrong), Iowa Department of Human Services
13. Jeff Gronstal (Vice Chair), Iowa Department of Public Health
14. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
15. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative – Cedar Rapids
16. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
17. Cliff Heckman, VA Medical Center
18. Sandy Johnson, Iowa Department of Education
19. Rhonda Jordal, Family Alliance for Veterans of America (FAVA)
20. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Organization
21. Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson, Family Promise of Linn County
22. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
23. Donna Phillips, Iowa Attorney General's Office
24. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Services
25. Machel Shaffer (alt. for Erickson), Iowa Department on Aging
26. Bob Steben, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs
27. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
28. Tim Wilson, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter

Voting Members Absent

1. Jeremy Babcock, Iowa Economic Development Authority
2. Bill Brand, Iowa Department of Human Rights
3. Chris Brooks – Altoona, Iowa
4. Bob Brownell, Iowa State Association of Counties
5. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
6. Reginald Schmitt, Iowa League of Cities
7. Michael Witt, Iowa Workforce Development

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Iowa Finance Authority Staff Present

1. Carolann Jensen, Chief Administration Officer
2. Amber Lewis, Homeless Programs Coordinator
3. Josh McRoberts, Administrative Assistant
4. Joanna Wilson, Associate General Counsel

Others Present

1. Kacey Barrow, Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center
2. Michelle Brown, Opening Doors
3. Dave Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
4. Julie Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
5. Kristine Frakes, Des Moines Area Religious Council
6. Heather Harney, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
7. Malinda Lamb, Community Corrections Improvement Association
8. Barbara Lamfers, Salvation Army (Waterloo)
9. Hope Metheny, Youth & Shelter Services
10. Ashley Schwalm, Family Resources
11. Deanna Utecht, Alt. ICH Member, Iowa Attorney General's Office

*There were two people on the phone from Maria and Teresa Shelters in Dubuque whose names were not audible.

Dated this 4th day of January, 2013

Respectfully Submitted By: _____

Josh McRoberts, Iowa Finance Authority

Approved as to form: _____

Allan Axeen, Chair

Approved as to form: _____

Zebulon Beilke-McCallum, Secretary